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September 11th, 1914

Dr. Edward Broome,

Chestnut Park,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Broome:

I read your letter to the Board of Governors yesterday afternoon immediately after receiving it. They are, however, of the opinion that it would be unwise for them to grant the request, inasmuch as they have had to refuse many similar requests and a precedent might be created that would involve them in future difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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CHESTNUT PARK,
TORONTO.

Sept. 9. 14.

Dear Doctor Falconer.

You will perhaps recognize my name as that of the conductor of the Chorus which gave a concert in Convocation Hall in the Spring. Plans have been made to give our concert this year in Massey Hall with the New York Philharmonic orchestra (82 players) Olive Fremstad, Kitty Cheatham and a quartet for "Messiah," involving expenses close upon \$1000⁰⁰. The War has upset

these arrangements - the Government would not allow 82 German players into the country so we are endeavoring to cancel this. As an alternative we propose to engage the local orchestra - still retaining our quartet for "Messiah" - and devoting the proceeds to the Patriotic Fund. Do you think we could for a purpose of this kind be allowed the use of the Connection Hall again. The business management of these concerts would be placed in the hands of the officers of the Fund and all we should ask would be the actual expense of music supplied to the Chorus.

My church has offered us the rehearsal Hall, my

Services and those of the
charisters are given as our
contribution to the Fund.

Failing the concert of
the Board of Managers of
the University we shall
give the concerts in my
own church, but our organ
is so inadequate and the
chori gallery so small that
we should be under decided
disadvantage, beside which,
the concerts would then
have a sectarian aspect
which could be entirely
obviated were they given in
C. Hall. The chorus numbers
this year over 200 voices.

If this plan at all appeals
to you personally I feel
sure you could influence
the authorities in our favor

I have not spoken of this to
our committee but I meet
them again on Friday &
would be glad indeed to
lay any information you can
give me before them.

You will understand Sir
that personally I am anti-
voting that the concerts be
managed quite outside of
our organization. Our responsibility
will begin and end with the
music

Yours sincerely

Edward Broome.